

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: PRODUCTION SYSTEM WHEREIN FABRICATION DATA ARE
COLLECTED USING LIGHT TOWER CONTROL SIGNALS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claims 4 and 5 the following rewritten version of the same claims, as. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

4. (Amended) The production system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the light control signal monitor further comprises a switch for selecting one or more time durations to be displayed on the display.

5. (Amended) The production system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a computer coupled to the control signal monitors of the production system so as to collect said data stored therein.

PLEASE ADD CLAIMS 12 THROUGH 16 AS FOLLOWS:

12. The production system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the light control signal monitor further comprises a switch for selecting one or more time durations to be displayed on the display.

13. The production system as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a computer coupled to the control signal monitors of the production system so as to collect said data stored therein.

14. The production system as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a computer coupled to the control signal monitors of the production system so as to collect said data stored therein.

15. The production system as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a private branch exchange (PBX) telephone system coupled to said computer such that a telephone coupled to the PBX is able to access said computer.

16. The production system as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a private branch exchange (PBX) telephone system coupled to said computer such that a telephone coupled to the PBX is able to access said computer.